

upright supports and contains an electrical heating element that is comprised of heat trace cable and is supported by a thermostat and insulation."

**Claims:**

Claim 1 cancel and substitute new claim 5 as follows.

A Stone or masonry composite seat and backrest that is placed on upright supports and is heated by means of a heat trace cable that is inlaid in the seat and backrest areas.

Claim 2 cancel and substitute new claim 6 as follows.

An electrically heated stone bench according to claim 5 wherein a thermostat is installed in the bottom slab to adjust the surface temperature.

Claim 3 cancel and substitute new claim 7 as follows.

An electrically heated stone bench according to claim 5 wherein insulation such as layers of space blanket material are installed behind the heat cable in the seat and backrest sections.

Claim 4 cancel, no new claim

**Remarks:**

Applicant has amended the title to emphasize the novelty of the invention.

Also, the applicant has rewritten all claims to define the invention more particularly so as to overcome the technical rejections and define the invention